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Castro Tactics Prove His Skill, Donovan Says

By the Associated Press

James M. Donovan, who successfully negotiated with Fidel Castro for the release of the Cuban Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners, says Premier Castro has played the United States against the Soviet Union, and both against Red China.

Addressing a National Press Club luncheon here yesterday, the New York lawyer was asked whether he believes the Cuban Prime Minister is a "wild-eyed, irrational kook."

"Castro is crazy like a fox," Mr. Donovan said. "He has brilliantly played the United States against Russia, and both against Red China, for some years and with demonstrable success."

"Whether certain elements want to accept it or not," Mr. Donovan said, "the island of Cuba belongs to Castro. It is absurd to say that Castro is a pawn of Khrushchev. Castro has been brilliantly using Khrushchev."